urban areas only. These operators have been issued letters for achieving the targets committed by them for first 3 years of their licence within the prescribed period of 3 years of the licence. They have also been insisted upon to submit and adhere to a definite time bound quarter-wise roll out plan for clearing the backlog of missed targets of VPTs to discharge their committed obligations. It has also been made clear to them that there will not be any dilution in their committed performance obligations made by them in the licence agreement.

Delimitation of constituencies

*608. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the grounds on which the decision to defer delimitation of constituencies to the year 2026 has been taken; and

(b) in what manner Government propose to accommodate the need of selection of pockets for equitable representation of all the constituencies according to population and geographical situation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) As part of the National Population Policy, the Government has decided to extend the current freeze on undertaking fresh delimitation up to the year 2026 as a motivational measure to enable State Governments to fearlessly and effectively pursue the agenda for population stabilisation.

(b) The Government intends to discuss the proposal for delimiting the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies without affecting the number of seats allotted to a State with the leaders of all political parties.